

Amendment 524 moved to DPH

### Transitional Assistance and Health & Human Services Consolidated Amendment

All of the amendments in the Health & Human Services Category are moved to the category of Transitional Assistance (amendments # 14, 252, 262, ~~524~~, 571, 581, 699, 717, 802, 839, 973)

(31) Mr. Rogers of Norwood, Mr. Ruane of Salem and Mr. Larkin of Pittsfield move to consolidate the following amendments: 14, 41, 192, 252, 262, 361, 365, 372, ~~524~~, 571, 581, ~~699~~, 678, 699, 700, 717, 733, 754, 775, 802, 839, 973, 998, 999, 1004, 1005, and 1009. And hereby move to amend H.4000 in section 2 by striking item 4000-0100 and inserting in place thereof the following:—

4000-0100

For the operation of the executive office, including the operation of the managed care oversight board and the Betsy Lehman Center for patient safety and medical error reduction; provided, that the executive office shall provide technical and administrative assistance to agencies under the purview of the secretariat receiving federal funds; provided further, that the executive office shall monitor the expenditures and completion timetables for systems development projects and enhancements undertaken by the department of social services, the division of medical assistance and the department of transitional assistance, and shall ensure that all measures are taken to make such systems compatible with one another for enhanced interagency interaction; provided further, that the executive office shall continue to develop and implement the common client identifier; provided further, that the executive office shall ensure that any collaborative assessments for children receiving services from multiple agencies within the secretariat shall be performed within existing resources; provided further, that not more than \$50,000 shall be expended for the West End Boys and Girls Club in the Allston-Brighton section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not more than \$25,000 shall be expended for the Brockton Boys and Girls Club; provided further, that not more than \$95,000 shall be expended for a matching grant to the Taunton Boys and Girls Club; provided further, that not more than \$80,000 shall be expended for the young parents programs of the Newton Community Service Centers, Inc.; provided further, that not more than \$40,000 shall be expended for the public partnership program between the greater Lynn YMCA and YWCA and the public partnership program between the town of Saugus and the Saugus YMCA and YWCA; provided further, that not more than \$60,000 shall be expended for the Billerica Boys and Girls Club; provided further, that not more than \$150,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs; provided further, that the executive office and its agencies, when contracting for services on the islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket, shall take into consideration the increased costs associated with the provision of goods, services and housing on the islands; provided further, that for the purposes of pharmaceutical purchasing, all agencies under the jurisdiction of said executive office, including the state office of pharmacy services within the department of public health and the department of corrections, shall collaborate with the division of medical assistance and incorporate said division's preferred drug list, the MassHealth Drug List, so-called, into each agency's purchasing practices; and provided further, that not later than January 20, 2004, said

executive office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the savings achieved by mandating the use of this uniform drug list and the effect, if any, of this list on the delivery of services and pharmaceuticals to clients .....\$2,083,812

And hereby move to further amend H.4000 by striking out items 4403-2000 and 4130-3050 and inserting in place thereof, the following:—

4403-2000 For a program of transitional aid to families with dependent children; provided, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, benefits under the program of transitional aid to families with dependent children shall be paid only to citizens of the United States and to non-citizens for whom federal funds may be used to provide benefits; provided <sup>3</sup> further, that notwithstanding any general or special law, or any provisions of this act to the contrary, no benefits under this item shall be made available to illegal or undocumented aliens; provided further, that the need <sup>8</sup> standard shall be equal to the standard in effect in fiscal year 2003; provided further, that the payment standard shall be equal to the need <sup>10</sup> standard; provided further, that the payment standard for families who do not qualify for an exempt category of assistance under the provisions of subsection (e) of section 110 of chapter 5 of the acts of 1995 shall be 2 3/4 per cent below the otherwise applicable payment standard, in fiscal year 2004, pursuant to the provisions of the state plan required under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996; provided further, that the department shall notify all teen parents receiving benefits from the program of the requirements found in clause (2) of subsection (i) of said section 110 of said chapter 5; provided further, that a \$40 per month rent allowance shall be paid to all households incurring a rent or mortgage expense and not residing in public housing or subsidized housing; provided further, that a nonrecurring children's clothing allowance in the amount of \$150 shall be provided to each child eligible under this program in September 2003; provided further, that the children's clothing allowance shall be included in the standard of need for the month of September, 2003; provided further, that benefits under this program shall not be available to those families where a child has been removed from the household pursuant to a court order after a care and protection hearing on child abuse, nor to adult recipients otherwise eligible for transitional aid to families with dependent children but for the temporary removal of the dependent child or children from the home by the department of social services in accordance with department procedures; provided further, that notwithstanding section 2 of chapter 118 of the General Laws, or any other general or special law to the contrary, the department shall render aid to pregnant women with no other eligible dependent children only if it has been medically verified that the child is expected to be born within the month such payments are to be made or within the three month period following such month of payment,

and who, if such child had been born and was living with her in the month of payment would be categorically and financially eligible for transitional aid to families with dependent children benefits; provided further, that certain families that suffer a reduction in benefits due to a loss of earned income and participation in retrospective budgeting may receive a supplemental benefit to compensate them for such loss; provided further, that no funds from this item shall be expended by the department for child care or transportation services for the employment and training program; provided further, that no funds from this item shall be expended by the department for family reunification benefits or informal child care; provided further, that the department shall provide oral and written notification to all recipients of their child care benefits on a semi-annual basis; provided further, that the notification shall include the full range of child care options available, including center-based child care, so-called, family-based child care, so-called, and in-home relative child care, so-called; provided further, that the notification shall detail available child care benefits for current and former recipients, including employment and training benefits, transitional benefits, so-called, and post-transitional benefits, so-called; provided further, that the department shall work with the office of child care services to ensure that both recipients currently receiving benefits and former recipients during the one year period following termination of benefits are provided written and verbal information about child care services; provided further, that the notice shall further advise recipients of the availability of food stamps benefits; provided further, that not less than \$318,074 shall be expended for the purposes of the operation of the Transportation Assistance Program operated by the Traveler's Aid Society of Boston; provided further, that in promulgating, amending or rescinding its regulations with respect to eligibility for, or levels of, benefits under the program, the department shall take into account the amounts available to it for expenditure by this item so as not to exceed the appropriation; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law or of this item to the contrary, 30 days before implementing any eligibility or benefit changes or both, the commissioner shall file with the house and senate committees on ways and means and with the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate a determination by the secretary of health and human services that available appropriations for the program will be insufficient to meet projected expenses and a report setting forth the basis for, and text of, the proposed changes; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the comptroller shall transfer any unexpended balance remaining in this item at the close of the fiscal year to the Caseload Increase Mitigation Fund ..... [B] \$326,374,779 ]

4130-3050

For child care vouchers and contracted child care programs for low-income families; provided, that the employment services child care program for recipients of transitional and supplemental transitional aid

to families with dependent children and the absent parents of the recipients, former recipients of the program who are working for up to one year after termination of benefits, former recipients of the program participating in education or training programs authorized by department of transitional assistance regulations, and parents under the age of eighteen currently enrolled in a job training program who would qualify for benefits under provisions of chapter 118 of the General Laws but for the deeming of grandparents' income shall be funded from this item; provided further, that post-transitional child care vouchers for former recipients of transitional aid to families with dependent children who have been working for more than one year after termination of program benefits shall be funded from this item; provided further, that income-eligible child care programs shall be funded from this item; provided further, that not fewer than 500 child care slots shall be reserved for children in the foster care program at the department of social services; provided further, that child care for the children of teen parents receiving transitional aid to families with dependent children benefits, teen parents receiving supplemental security income payments and whose dependent children receive the aid, and teen parents at risk of becoming eligible for transitional aid to families with dependent children benefits shall be paid from this item; provided further, that all teens eligible for year-round full-time child care services shall be participating in school, education, work and training-related activities or a combination thereof for at least the minimum number of hours required by regulations promulgated for the program of transitional aid, whether or not such teens are recipients of benefits from the program; provided further, that informal child care benefits shall be funded from this item; provided further, that not more than \$2.00 per child per hour shall be paid for such services; provided further, that child care slots funded from this item shall be distributed geographically in a manner that provides fair and adequate access to child care for all eligible individuals; and provided further, that all child care providers that are part of a public school system shall be required to accept child care vouchers from recipients funded through this appropriation ..... \$272,326,418 ]

[C] and further move to amend H. 4000 by striking out section 393. [A]

And move to further amend H. 4000 in item 4406-3000, by inserting after the words "fiscal year 2003 shall receive" the following:— 90 percent of the

And move to further amend H. 4000 in section 2 in item 4401-1000 by striking the words "job search assistance" and inserting in line 14 after the words "under this program" the following:— "provided further, that funds may be expended for substantive, pre-employment education and training programs provided by the workforce investment areas, so-called, and community colleges designed to remove barriers to employment; provided further, that expenditures for other services authorized by this item shall be

limited to the extent necessary to enable the department to comply with the preceding provisions" [G]

SECTION \_\_. Section 5 of chapter 244 of the acts of 2002 is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph at the end thereof:—

During fiscal year 2004, funds shall be expended by the department of housing and community development, from the sums set forth and made available in item 7004-7013 of section 2, to institute a program of rolling stock housing for households that are eligible for residence in and who have actually resided in scattered site shelters funded through line item 4403-2120 of section 2 of the General Appropriations Act, as said item funding is administered by the department of transitional assistance, for not less than 6 months. Said department of transitional assistance, in conjunction and collaboration with the department of housing and community development, shall assist families from such eligible households in negotiating rental agreements for permanent housing at the current scattered site placement or, if possible, at an alternative placement located within 20 miles of the household's home community with the assistance of any state rental voucher program or federal housing choice voucher program. During fiscal year 2004, said program shall seek to provide such rolling stock housing for not less than 400 eligible families.

And move to further amend H. 4000 in line 4403-2120 by inserting in line 16, after the words "past 12 months;" the following:—"provided further, that the department may use monies from this account to add 150 new units of scattered site and rolling stock units contracted for in FY03; provided further, that these new units shall be located in areas of greatest need to facilitate placement of eligible families within 20 miles of the home community; provided further, that these new units shall be used to reduce the population placed in hotels and motels;"

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Rogers

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